

## CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN

### *Biographies from Wallsburg*

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Settling in this valley he engaged in the ranching and livestock, his favorite vocation. His activities here are well known to all. He was successful in raising a good grade of cattle and horses and had one of the finest farms and ranches in the county.

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daughter of William Ford and Eliza Ann Gurr. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple and had four children, Evelyn, James Ford, Maurice and Helen Gladys.

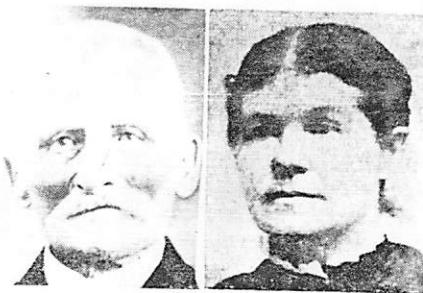
Jim lived in Wasatch County longer than in any other place and loved it and its people. Although advised by many doctors to move to a lower altitude on account of his health he preferred to remain here to live and die with his many intimate friends and family. He took a keen interest in public affairs, giving freely his time and means to further the interests of the public. He served as a member of the Wasatch County school board. He handled the job very well. He was a livestock inspector for the Intermediate Credit Bank of Berkeley, California, and for the Wasatch Loan Association of Salt Lake City. He is best known in Wasatch County for his activities in livestock associations. He was president of the Wallsburg Livestock Association. For many years he was a director in the Strawberry Grazing Company. During the time when the Strawberry Grazing Company was leasing the reclamation lands he was a member of the executive committee and was in charge of the grazing of those lands for many years. He died June 2, 1933, of a heart attack while doing his evening chores. He was buried at Provo, June 6, 1933.

Leone Ford Allen was born April 30, 1895, at Wallsburg, Utah, to William Ford and Eliza Ann Gurr. She received her education at Wallsburg School, Proctor Academy, Provo, and attended the University of Utah on a four-year scholarship. She was very active in the LDS Church. She was first counselor in the YWMIA, secretary of the Sunday School, and a counselor in Relief Society. She helped organize the Wallsburg Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and was president for several years. It was the Maple Leaf Camp. Leone was very active in ward activities. She took part in many ward plays and was very prominent in public speaking. Leone was a substitute teacher in the Wallsburg School whenever she was needed and was active in the PTA and served as an officer more than once. She died at home August 15, 1952, of heart disease and was buried at Provo, Utah, August 18, 1952.

Jim and Leone had one of the first cars in Wasatch County.

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